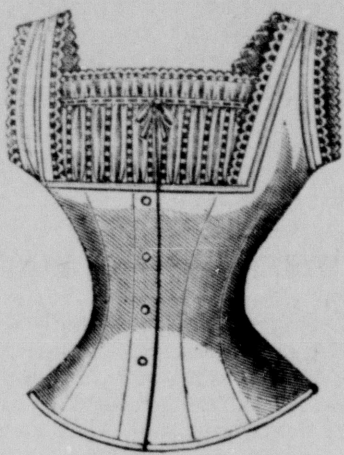


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—Miss Annie Devlin is ill.
—Mrs. Addie Hilles is ill.
—Phidian Art Club next Tuesday.
—Collin Dysard of Nachusa is quite ill.
—Rosbrook's skating rink will be open tonight.
—Wm. Kimes has returned to Dixon from Chicago.
—The shoe factory at Amboy has shut down for a season.
—Rev. T. F. Doranblaser will preach at Mt. Union at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.
—Wilson Lease from Iowa is having a pleasant visit with Wm. C. Dysard.
—Pastor Leland will preach at Palmyra church at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.
—Rev. A. R. Bickenbach is enjoying a few days visit from his parents from Freeport.
—Dr. T. W. Beckwith of Sterling was in a very critical condition yesterday from severe hemorrhages.

—The Vincent Circle of the Methodist church meets next Friday evening, at 7:30 at the J. F. Palmer residence.
—Joe Pollack has introduced a new brand of cigars, longfiller, which he has named the "Maple-Leaf." It is a good one.
—The District Session of the Independent Order of Good Templars will be held in Dixon on the 17th and 18th of March next.
—Miss Norris and sister, Mrs. McAlpine, entertained the Friday Night Whist Club and a few friends last evening at the Nachusa.
—Next Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings the Church of God will hold special meetings in Schuler's Hall, to be addressed by a lady evangelist.
—Mrs. H. O. Todd and son returned from Burlington, yesterday afternoon accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Southwell and her sister Mrs. Waite.
—Don't forget to go round to the Baptist church this evening and partake of a good chicken-pie supper, etc., any time between five and eight o'clock.

—The ice harvesters are filling up their "cold" store house as rapidly as possible about these days. The river above the dam has a business appearance.
—An orchestra of seven pieces has been organized by members of the Baptist Sunday School and will doubtless add greatly to the interest in the musical part of the exercises.
—The evening for the regular meeting of the Good Templars has been changed from Friday to Monday night; and next Monday evening the newly elected officers will be installed.
—Owing to the storm, the Phidian Art Club held no meeting last Tuesday afternoon. The meeting will be held next Tuesday, when the concluding program on the Art and Literature of Spain will be given.

The Woman's Relief Corps reports that everything is moving smoothly, rapidly, in the right direction for a successful W. R. C. and G. A. R. Fair; that hundreds of patriotic families were making efforts to make the fair all that it should be.

—Jones' roller rink will have an aggregation of unusual attractions next Tuesday night. There will be Prof. R. J. Aginton and Miss Mianie Parrott champion gentleman and lady roller skaters of the world, and Prof. R. E. Dittich, the most clever traveling exponent of Spiritualism.

—The freight train from the north about midnight at Eldena, came to a sudden halt, the engine having jumped the track. There was no damage of importance, and the engine was replaced and proceeded southward at five o'clock this morning, after a few hours delay.

—Joseph Dauntler, the young lad who about a week ago was accidentally shot in the eye by a companion, who was handling an air gun, is recovering nicely. This should be a lesson to the boys who are on the war path for sparrows that an air-gun can be fully as dangerous as other weapons, and while young Dauntler will recover the full use of his eye, he will hereafter be chary of associating with other wielders of airguns.

—Billy Link's Vaudeville Co. arrived from Clinton, Iowa, this morning and will appear at the opera house this evening. Mr. Link needs no introduction to our theatre goers as he is well known here and a great favorite. Since his last appearance here he has an entirely new company with the exception of the Charter sisters, who share Mr. Link's popularity with the public. His present company is said to be the best he has ever had on the road.

FIREMEN'S BALL.

Anniversary Dance for the Benefit of the Brave Fire Fighters.

Prof. Newman's Orchestra made sweet music for the firemen last evening as the one hundred and sixty couples present tripped in merry measures.

The general committee consisted of William Vann, chairman, Fire Marshal Graff, P. Phalen and Lou Rosbrook. The floor managers were Lou Rosbrook, William Hartshorn and Frank Spiller.

What attracted much attention was the trophy case having all prizes won since the formation of the team when in 1870, January 24th the organization started with seventy members. At the dance last evening a number of old-timers were present, though but three of the charter members are now connected: Wm. Vann, Henry Dey and John Erwin.

The trophy case is one for the city to be proud of, containing as it does, the World's championship belt with fox tail attached; silver plated play-pipe and pizzle; 160 coned helmet, all pieces sewed in; play-pipe won at Freeport; large parade flag and staff, large silver speaking trumpet, silver pitcher presented by Amboy's Hose Company on the occasion of a friendly visit, and some smaller mementoes. The championship belt was won on the time of 400 yards in 61 seconds and all connections made. This record has never been beaten, and was made both at Chicago and Peoria. With the belt went a prize in gold of \$3000, with this sum went an amount of over \$1500 raised by fairs, dances, etc., toward the purchase of the extensive library which sometime ago they so generously presented to the city. Before, a revenue had been obtained by charging a fee for the use of library, but now the company is compelled to raise money in other ways and the dance last evening was the outcome of the old spirit of independence of the first years of the organization, of the department, when each member paid from his own pocket the running expenses.

DROP THE CURTAIN.

Second, or Third Act in Sad Local Drama—A. S. Hyde goes to Joliet.

At about six o'clock last evening Arvine S. Hyde was brought before Judge Baume by Sheriff Gray and having made his plea of guilty to embezzlement of certain money belonging to the Dixon Loan and Building Association, was sentenced to the penitentiary at Joliet; the term under a late law will be fixed by a State Board of Pardons, and we will not know, nor will he, how long the imprisonment will be until a report from this board is made public. It consists of R. Lemon, Springfield; E. J. Murphy, East St. Louis and E. A. Snively, Springfield.

There were but few spectators present in the court room when the sentence was pronounced and that was a mere formal matter on the part of the court, the Judge being evidently much affected when he performed the sad duty upon one whom he had heretofore highly respected.

The prisoner was after the sentence taken to the jail by Deputy Sheriff McGowan and from there to the prison leaving Dixon on the early morning train. The defalcation was reduced by Hyde's reviewal of the books about seven hundred dollars, leaving the deficit \$13,306, omitting odd cents.

We understand that the defaulting secretary's bondsmen have a proposition which will be submitted to the directors of the Loan & Building Association at the meeting this evening as some sort of a basis of settlement.

EARLY PRESBYTERIANISM.

A Display to Be Made at Winona, Ind

The arrangement committee appointed to prepare the Illinois' Presbyterian display for the Winona, Ind., general assembly in May had a conference at Bloomington.

Arrangements have been made to prepare a series of maps and charts, which will exhibit the growth of the church from the organization of the state till the present time. The Rev. I. A. Cronelison will correspond with Rev. Dr. W. Hunter with churches and individuals having portraits of pioneers and interesting relics.

It is expected that the exhibit will be creditable to the great state of Illinois, which is fourth in rank of Presbyterian membership.

—Six horse-shoers were arrested in Rockford last week for not having complied with the law requiring them to take out licenses. The case continued for a week, and meanwhile they will secure licenses.

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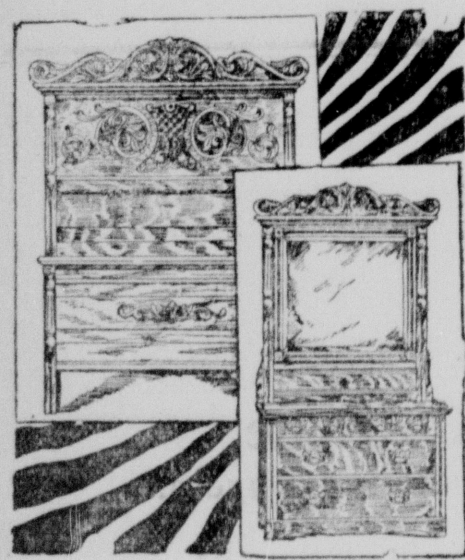


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SENATE HAS SPOKEN.

Its Reply to the Speech on Money Made at New York by President McKinley.

IT IS VERY FULL AND COMPLETE.

Upper House Will Not Even Demand the Parity of the Two Metal Monies and Gives 29 Majority Against Gold Payment—Teller Resolution Adopted by the Decisive Vote of 47 to 32—Party Lines Badly Broken and a Few Senators Did Not Answer to Their Names.

Washington, Jan. 29.—After a debate, animated at all times and occasionally acrimonious, which occupied the greater part of this week, the senate last evening, by the decisive vote of 47 to 32, passed the Teller concurrent resolution. The resolution of practical re-affirmation of that of Stanley Matthews in 1887, and is as follows: "That all the bonds of the United States, issued or authorized to be issued under the said acts of congress hereinbefore recited, are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the government of the United States in silver dollars of the coinage of the United States containing 412½ grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor."

Would Not Even Pledge to Parity. All efforts to amend the resolution were voted down by majorities ranging from 5 to 29. Lodge's gold standard substitute being defeated by the latter majority. The vote on the Lodge amendment was 24; yeas, 53. But the mildest of the amendments—from a silver standpoint—that declaring it the duty of the government to maintain the parity of all its forms of money, was defeated by a vote of 43 to 37. The events of the day leading up to the final vote were full of interest and importance. It was a field day for the orators of the senate, no less than twenty-five senators embracing the opportunity to speak upon the subject under discussion. The galleries were crowded throughout the day, and several of the speakers said the discussion was but the preliminary alignment of the great political parties for the contest of 1900. From 10 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening the contest was continued.

Party Lines Were Much Broken Up. When the voting began it was evident that party lines were being broken on both sides of the chamber, but it was on the substitute offered by Lodge that the most decided break occurred. On the Republican side Allison and Burrows did not answer to their names on that roll-call, and many of the Republicans voted directly against it. Upon the final passage of the resolution some Republicans who supported McKinley and the St. Louis platform in 1896, like Carter, Chandler, Clark of Wyoming, Pritchard of North Carolina, Shoup of Idaho, Warren of Wyoming and Wolcott voted for the resolution because, as Wolcott announced, they did not believe the resolution committed those who supported it to the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT VOTES. With the Names of the Senators Who Voted Aye and Nay.

The first amendment was that of Nelson declaring that "it is the duty of the government of the United States, under existing laws, to maintain the parity in value of its gold and silver money, so that the dollar of one metal shall for all monetary purposes always be equal in value to the dollar of the other metal." The vote to table was as follows: Yeas—Allen, Bacon, Bates, Berry, Butler, Cannon, Carter, Chandler, Chilton, Clay, Cockrell, Daniel, Harris, Helfield, Jones of Arkansas, Kyle, McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory, Mantle, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Murphy, Pasco, Pettigrew, Pettus, Rawlins, Roach, Shoup, Smith, Stewart, Teller, Tillman, Turner, Turpie, Vest, White and Wolcott—42.

Nays—Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Burrows, Caffery, Clark, Cullom, Davis, Fairbanks, Foraker, Gallinger, Gear, Gray, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar, Lindsay, Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Mason, Morrill, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Platt of Connecticut, Platt of New York, Pritchard, Quay, Sewell, Thurston, Warren, Wellington, Wetmore and Wilson—37.

The Lodge amendment made the square issue on "payment in gold or its equivalent" of all national obligations; Wolcott on that account asked for a roll-call and it resulted: Yeas—Aldrich, Baker, Caffery, Cullom, Davis, Fairbanks, Foraker, Gallinger, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hawley, Hoar, Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Mason, Morrill, Penrose, Platt of Connecticut, Platt of New York, Sewell, Wellington and Wetmore—24.

Nays—Allen, Bacon, Bates, Berry, Cannon, Carter, Chandler, Chilton, Clark, Clay, Cockrell, Daniel, Gray, Fairbanks, Foraker, Gallinger, Jones of Arkansas, Kenney, Kyle, Lindsay, McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory, Mantle, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Murphy, Pasco, Pettigrew, Pettus, Pritchard, Quay, Rawlins, Roach, Shoup, Smith, Stewart, Teller, Thurston, Tillman, Turner, Turpie, Vest, Warren, White, Wilson and Wolcott—53.

There were several other amendments voted on—and all defeated—before the main question was put on the Teller resolution as it was introduced, and the vote on that was as follows: Yeas—Allen, Bacon, Bates, Berry, Butler, Cannon, Chandler, Chilton, Clark, Clay, Cockrell, Daniel, Gray, Harris, Helfield, Jones of Arkansas, Kenney, Kyle, Lindsay, McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory, Mantle, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Murphy, Pasco, Pettigrew, Pettus, Pritchard, Quay, Rawlins, Roach, Shoup, Smith, Stewart, Teller, Tillman, Turner, Turpie, Vest, Warren, White, Wilson and Wolcott—47.

Nays—Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Burrows, Caffery, Cullom, Davis, Fairbanks, Foraker, Gallinger, Gear, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hawley, Hoar, Lodge, McBride, McMillan, Mason, Mor-

ris, Nelson, Penrose, Perkins, Platt of Connecticut, Platt of New York, Quay, Sewell, Thurston, Wellington, Wetmore and Wilson—32.

The pairs throughout the voting were as follows: Turley with Debe; Faulkner with Elkins; Gorman with Frye; Jones of Nevada with Proctor; Walhall with Spooner. The first-named would in each case have voted for the resolution as it was introduced.

Methodists Have Their Claim Allowed.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The bill to pay the Methodist Episcopal church \$80,000 for damages sustained by the destruction of its property in the city of New York, passed the senate last evening by a vote of 47 to 32. The bill was introduced in the house yesterday by the senator who was in charge of the bill. The friends of the measure put themselves in an overwhelming majority, and the opposition reluctantly yielded. The vote on the bill was 138 to 67. An evening session was held, the first of the session, devoted to pension legislation. The entire calendar of twenty-nine bills was cleared before the hour of adjournment arrived.

No Official Welcome to Dole. Washington, Jan. 29.—There has been talk among members in both houses of a resolution of welcome to President Dole and an invitation to visit them in session, as was done when King Kalakaua was here. This was generally assented to in conversation by members of both sides. But Minister Hatch hearing of it quietly signified to them that President Dole while highly appreciating every suggestion of courtesy would greatly prefer that it be omitted.

Secretary Alger "Doing Nicely."

Washington, Jan. 29.—Acting Secretary McKelvey, who visited Secretary Alger yesterday on the matter of official business, said that the secretary was "doing nicely." He had not seen the secretary for about ten days, and was agreeably surprised to find him looking so well. The secretary is still a very sick man, however, and the very nature of his trouble—grip and malaria—precludes the probability of a rapid convalescence.

HE WAS LOADED FOR CRIME.

Suspected Train Robber Caught Prepared for Criminal Business.

Kansas City, Jan. 29.—John F. Kennedy, a locomotive engineer who has been twice tried for complicity in train robberies at Blue Cut, was picked up on West Fifteenth street last night in an unconscious condition. He had been thrown from a stumbling horse. A commotion was caused at the police hospital when Kennedy was brought in, as he was disguised by a false chin beard, and was equipped for an expedition that could not have meant peace for his fellow men. In one of Kennedy's pockets was a black domino mask. Distributed about his clothes were the several pieces of a disjointed shotgun.

In addition to these were a 45-caliber revolver and a liberal supply of cartridges and shotgun shells. He also carried a lantern. When Kennedy recovered at the hospital he refused to talk further than to say that he started on a hunting trip. A second man who was riding with Kennedy rode away at a rapid gait after Kennedy's horse fell.

NEARLY DIED IN THE WILDERNESS.

Whole Family Found Perishing on the Desert in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—E. Adolph, of this city, who has returned from Mammoth Tank, a small station on the Southern Pacific road fifty miles northwest of Yuma, reports that L. S. Putnam, agent of the Norton Drake company, found a whole family perishing on the desert Thursday night and rescued them. The family consisted of William Joyce, of Prescott, A. T., and his five children, the oldest 12 years of age and the youngest 5 years.

Joyce had tried to drive overland from Prescott to Chino, Cal. His horses died at Gila Bend and the family tried to walk across the desert. Their provisions gave out and when found the whole six were on the verge of death. Only the most careful nursing succeeded in keeping them alive the first night. They had walked 350 miles and carried provisions and water on their backs.

Frank Collier Gets a Divorce.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Attorney Frank Howard Collier was granted a divorce from his wife, Fannie G. Collier, by Judge Freeman yesterday morning on the ground of cruelty and desertion. There will be no appeal from the decision, and the only question now remaining to be settled is that of the disposition of the three children. Mrs. Collier will get neither alimony nor allowance for her lawyers and may lose the children in the end.

Disagreed on That Plumbing Law.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 29.—The jury in the case of the state against W. F. Ferguson, in the circuit court, disagreed after being out ten hours. This is an action brought to test the plumbing law passed by the last legislature. Ferguson was convicted in the criminal branch of the county court of engaging in the plumbing business as a master plumber without first securing a license as required by the state laws.

Mine Trammer Instantly Killed.

Bessmer, Mich., Jan. 29.—Antone Lucinski, a Polish trammer, was almost instantly killed at the Colby mine, section 16, yesterday by falling from the tramway of No. 5 shaft, a distance of forty feet. Lucinski was sweeping the snow from the track when his companion came by with the car. In stepping back to get out of the way it is supposed that Lucinski lost his balance and fell.

Illinois Town Loses \$50,000 by Fire.

Mount Sterling, Ills., Jan. 29.—The best business block in the city is a mass of ruins. Fire originated in the rear of Lewinson's grocery store. The block was composed of the Bloomfield hotel, a three-story structure, and six other business houses recently completed. The loss is \$50,000. Clay Piper and John Nichols were so severely hurt by a falling wall that Nichols will die.

National Firemen's Association.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The meeting of the National Firemen's association was concluded yesterday with the election of the following officers: President, F. A. Wood, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Secretary, E. W. Barkman, Decatur, Ill. One vice president was chosen from each state represented.

CONTRACT IS SIGNED.

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Chicago, Jan. 29.—The following is the contract between the operators of the competitive coal fields and the United Mine Workers of America, it having been signed yesterday:

"The following agreement made and entered into in joint interstate convention in this city, Jan. 26, 1898, by and between the operators and miners of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and western Pennsylvania, known as the Pittsburgh thin vein district, witnesseseth:

"First.—That an equal price for mining screened lump coal shall hereafter form a base scale in all of the districts above named excepting the state of Illinois, the block coal district of Indiana to pay 10 cents per ton over that of Hocking Valley, western Pennsylvania and Indiana bituminous district, and that the price of pick-run-of-mine-coal in Hocking Valley and western Pennsylvania shall be determined by the actual percentage of screenings passing through such screen as is hereinafter provided; it being understood and agreed that screened or run-of-mine coal may be mined and paid for on the above basis at the option of the operators, according to market requirements, and the operators of Indiana bituminous shall also have like option of mining run-of-mine or screen coal.

Stipulation as to Screens.

"Second.—That the screen hereby adopted for the state of Ohio, western Pennsylvania and the bituminous district of Indiana shall be uniform in size, 6 feet wide by 12 feet long, built of flat or Akron-shaped bar of not less than 5/8ths of one inch surface with 1 1/4 inches between bars, free from obstructions, and that such screenings shall rest upon a sufficient number of bearings to hold the bars in proper position.

"Third.—That the block coal district of Indiana may continue the use of the diamond screen of present size and pattern with the privilege of run-of-mine coal, the mining price of which shall be determined by the actual screenings, and that the state of Illinois shall be absolutely upon a run-of-mine system and shall be paid for on that basis.

ADVANCE IN THE DIGGING PRICE.

Ten Cents a Ton of 2,000 Pounds—Eight-Hour Day of Work.

"Fourth.—That an advance of 10 cents per ton of 2,000 pounds for pick-mined screened coal shall take effect in the western Pennsylvania, Hocking Valley, and Indiana bituminous districts on April 1, 1898, and that Grape creek, Ills., and the bituminous district of Indiana shall pay 40 cents per ton run-of-mine coal from an after same date, based upon 66 cents per ton screened coal in Ohio, western Pennsylvania and the Indiana bituminous district, the same to continue in force until the expiration of this contract.

"Fifth.—That on and after April 1, 1898, the eight-hour work day with eight hours pay, consisting of six days per week, shall be in effect in all of the districts represented, and uniform wages for day labor in the fields named, and that internal differences in any of the states or districts, both as to prices or conditions, shall be referred to the states or districts affected for adjustment.

"Sixth.—That the same relative prices and conditions between machine and pick mining that have existed in the different states shall be continued during the life of this contract.

"Seventh.—That present prices for pick and machine mining and all classes of day labor shall be maintained in the competitive states and districts until April 1, 1898.

"Eighth.—That the United Mine Workers' organization, a party to this contract, does hereby further agree to afford all possible protection to the trade and to the other parties hereto against any unfair competition resulting from a failure to maintain scale rates.

"Ninth.—That this contract shall remain in full force and effect from April 1, 1898, to April 1, 1899, and that our next annual interstate convention shall convene in the city of Pittsburgh on the third Tuesday in January, 1899."

The signatures to the foregoing are: For the operators—Illinois, J. H. Garaghty, E. T. Bent; Indiana (bituminous), Walter S. Bogie; Indiana (block), C. B. Niblick; Pittsburgh (thin vein district), J. C. Dysart, F. M. Osborne. For the miners—Illinois, J. M. Hunter, W. D. Ryan; Indiana (bituminous), W. G. Knight, J. H. Kennedy; Indiana (block), J. R. Evans; Ohio, W. K. Farms, T. L. Lewis; Pittsburgh (thin vein), Patrick Dolan, E. McKay; West Virginia, Henry Stephenson. Also by the members of the national executive board of the U. M. W. of A., John Diller, John Fahy, Henry Stephenson, Edward McKay, J. H. Kennedy, W. D. Ryan; M. D. Ratchford, president of the United Mine Workers of America; John Mitchell, vice president, United Mine Workers of America; W. C. Pearce, secretary-treasurer, United Mine Workers of America.

PROSCRIPTION CASE IN ENGLAND.

Carpenters Put on the Blacklist by a British Union of Masters.

New York, Jan. 29.—The testimony and other proceedings in the case recently tried in Chicago where a railroad man recovered heavy damages against a railroad corporation for alleged blacklisting growing out of the Debs strike will figure, incidentally at least, as a kind of brief for counsel in a somewhat similar case to be tried at Manchester next month, a local firm of lawyers having received a request to

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A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and side, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters; and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c per bottle at A. H. Tillson's Drug Store. 6

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secure and forward all obtainable data in relation to the Chicago case.
In the English proceedings ten carpenters who were blacklisted in August by the Federation of Master Builders as the outcome of a strike have brought suits for damages aggregating \$90,000, their claim being that the blacklist has prevented them obtaining work at their trade not merely in their own vicinity, but throughout the country. Next to the Federation of Employing Engineers, the Federation of Master Builders is the strongest federation of employing capital in England, and the suit will be a notable one.

Big Four Board of Adjustment.
Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—As a result of the present conference between the board of adjustment of the Big Four roads and their employees, the trainmen say that the passenger men on the Peoria and Eastern division will be granted a rearrangement of runs which will amount to an increase in pay. The men claimed that the agreement of 1893 was not lived up to as to overtime and switching at Cincinnati. They say this will also be amicably adjusted.

FAVORABLE FEATURES IN TRADE.
Bradstreet's Points Out Quite a Number to Encourage Merchants.

New York, Jan. 29.—Bradstreet's says: Favorable conditions in the trade situation continue to far outweigh those of an opposite character. Stormy weather throughout a large section of the country this week checked the movement of merchandise in the consumption, but a perceptible increase in the demand for seasonal goods is reported as already resulting. The last week of the month closes with increased activity in many lines, a number of price advances, heavily increased bank clearings as compared with one year ago at nearly all the cities, another considerable drop in the number of failures reported, large exports of cereals, particularly wheat, corn and flour, and perceptible confidence in nearly all branches of trade as regards the outlook for spring business.

Another favorable feature of the week is the slight but distinct improvement in the cotton goods situation, in which speculative activity is awakening. Pig iron is reflecting the effect of the present unprecedented production and a further weakening in prices is recorded. Prices of most staple products are higher on the week; noticeable instances are those of wheat, which is past the dollar mark again at many of the western markets. Business failures for the week are the smallest reported in the fourth week of January for five years past, numbering only 288.

TOP NOTCH MARK FOR WHEAT.

It Goes Up to \$1.10 for January.—The Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—January wheat selling at \$1.10 and May up to 95c was the remarkable record in the local trade yesterday. This is the top mark for wheat. September went up to \$1.05, and traders were astounded when the December price was shoved up to \$1.09. Now these figures look small, and further advances are certain. It is predicted by well-posted men that the May figure will be far above even the present high quotations.

Mr. French, representing Leiter on "change, only smiled at the question when asked about the reported selling of May wheat. "There is no need," said he, "of working against our own interests by selling wheat for May. The world will need the wheat and will make the price if the owners stand firm."

Michiganders Seek the Klondike.
Detroit, Jan. 29.—Twenty-three seekers after fortune left Detroit Thursday night for the Klondike. The party is in charge of William R. Booth, of Detroit, who formerly mined a claim near Circle City. The outfit is due to sail from Seattle Feb. 4.

Illinois Solons Take Another Rest.
Springfield, Ills., Jan. 29.—Nothing was done either house of the legislature yesterday. The revenue bill remains in statu quo until next Tuesday, when the battle for assessment reform will be resumed.

Fire at Somerset, Ky.
Louisville, Ky., Jan. 29.—A special from Somerset says: Fire destroyed four stores and a half dozen offices and smaller buildings. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$65,000.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

All was quiet in the New England strike cities yesterday.
The Western Base Ball league may give Omaha a franchise.
The relations of Guatemala and Salvador are considerably strained now.
Advices received at Managua, Nicaragua, from San Salvador state that a revolution in Salvador is imminent.
King Leopold of Belgium has purchased for \$400,000 the yacht Mayflower, built for the late Ogden Goelet, of New York.

Major Edward Whaley, aged 61, a prominent member of the Iron brigade, died suddenly at Prairie du Chien, Wis., of heart disease.

The 3-year-old child of David Berlin-court, near Nappanee, Ind., fell into a vessel filled with boiling water and was scalded to death.

Because she refused to give him money James Nolan cut off the ear of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Feehan, with a razor at Chicago.

J. T. Carey, who located the big gold strike near Golden, Colo., says he was induced to leave his old home at Rockford, Ills., by a dream.

The Cargill Bros' elevator and the Northern Grain company's elevator at Eleva, Trempealeau county, Wis., were burned with their contents, 5,000 bushels of oats.

John Reed, the insane patient who ran away from Dunning (Chicago's poor house) Sunday, was found dead in the road south of Waukegan. He had walked forty miles and was frozen to death.

The jury in the case of Charles L. Draper, on trial at Jacksonville, Ills., for the murder of Charles L. Hastings, brought in a verdict, finding him guilty, and giving him a life sentence. The defense pleaded insanity.

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WHERE IS MR. BOYCE?

Perhaps He Can Tell the True Inwardness of That Ohio Bribery Scandal.

TWO STAR WITNESSES ARE HEARD,

But Neither of Them Connect the Ohio Republican Leaders with the Crookedness—Boyce Said He Was Acting for J. Pierpont Morgan—Had Money to Buy Votes for Some Person and Purpose—Stories Told by Two Prosecutors.

Columbus, O., Jan. 29.—The two star witnesses in the alleged senatorial bribery investigation were examined by the senate investigating committee yesterday. They are Representative J. C. Otis, of Hamilton county, who claims to have been offered a bribe to vote for Senator Hanna, and Thomas C. Campbell, attorney, who acted as the legal representative of Otis. There was nothing in the testimony of either witness to even indicate that Senator Hanna, Major Dick or Major Rathbone had any connection with General Boyce, through whom it is claimed the alleged negotiations were conducted. In fact, Attorney Campbell, who had come all the way from New York to testify, took occasion to say he did not believe Hanna was interested in or knew Boyce. Moreover, Boyce himself had declared to Campbell that he did not know Hanna, and that if his personal wishes were consulted he would prefer to see him defeated.

When Otis First Hears of Boyce.

Campbell produced a roll of bills in denominations of \$100 and \$50, aggregating \$1,750, which he claimed Boyce had paid him during the negotiations. Campbell said that if Boyce returned to Hamilton county he would be glad to return the money; otherwise he would use part of it pushing a suit for damages against a Columbus paper. Representative Otis testified that he had met Henry Harrison Boyce in Cincinnati, first on the evening of Jan. 7 last. About 11 o'clock on the morning of that day (Friday) he received a long distance telephone message from a man at the Great Southern hotel in Columbus, who said he was General Boyce; that he had come on from New York and wished to see him on important business. Otis told him that if he would come to Cincinnati he could see him. Between 5 and 6 o'clock Otis went to the Gibson House and to Boyce's room, No. 226.

What Boyce Said to Otis.

He met Boyce, and the latter said to him that though he was a stranger to Otis he wished to see him on very important business; that he represented J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York; that Morgan had great interests in Ohio which he desired to have looked after, and that he was also a friend of C. C. Shane, of New York. During the conversation the senatorial matter was touched upon and Boyce asked as to Hanna's chances, to which Otis replied that he did not think them good. Boyce said that during that night or on the following night Shane was to have an interview with President McKinley; that both the president and Shane were interested in the Ohio situation, and especially the former. Personally Boyce said he did not care who was elected. After telling Otis a number of other stories after the same fashion they separated with the understanding that another meeting would be held the following afternoon, Saturday, at 2 o'clock.

No Ohio Men Mentioned.

Then it was that Otis decided that he needed a lawyer and went to see Campbell. A meeting took place the next afternoon at the Gibson House. The conversation was largely along the same line as at the preceding meeting. Finally Boyce and Campbell were introduced and most of the business after that was transacted between them. Senator Garfield cross-examined the witness. Otis admitted that he had made no special endeavor to find out who Boyce was. He had not been introduced to him either by letter or in any other way. During the conversation the names of no Ohio people were mentioned in connection with the matter of the senatorship. Otis said that nothing was said about Dick, or Hollenbeck, or Daugherty, or Major Rathbone, and that Boyce did not proclaim that he came as the agent of Hanna or that Hanna had any connection with the matter.

CAMPBELL'S STORY IN DETAIL.

Boyce Comes to Help Hanna and Offers \$2,500 for a Vote Not Needed.

Campbell's testimony was largely a repetition of that given by Otis. He said that Boyce and Otis came to his room. There they talked on general subjects and when asked as to where in New York he lived Boyce said Mt. Vernon. During the conversation Boyce said he had a strong and loving regard for the president. Otis finally left the room and Campbell then asked Boyce directly what he wanted. Boyce finally said he had come to help Hanna in his election. Campbell said to him: "Did you not come from the president?" to which Boyce replied that he had. Boyce at last said he would pay Otis \$2,500 for his vote and admitted that that was the proposition he had come to make.

At the next interview Campbell told Boyce Otis would not listen to the proposition. Boyce replied that the amount offered was a munificent one, as Hanna already had 74 votes without Droste or Lane. Campbell replied: "Then you are doing this out of the goodness of your heart, as 74 votes are enough to elect a senator in Ohio?" Boyce replied yes, but that he wanted to show what he could do, and besides there might be a slip, and he wanted to get the votes of Otis and Droste and Lane. Boyce further said that he wanted Campbell for his attorney to win men over, and would give him \$1,000. Campbell replied that he had no objection to getting \$1,000, but he did not think he could accept the proposition.

Finally Boyce pulled out a large envelope and counted out what he said was \$1,000 and passed it over and said "Here is \$1,000." Campbell replied: "No, there is only \$300." Boyce apologized and handed over \$200 more. Campbell then put this into his pocket. Later he

saw Boyce again and told him that he thought \$2,500, the amount offered was beneath the dignity of a representative, and that he ought to have \$10,000. Boyce replied that this was all nonsense—that he had already secured four votes at an average of \$1,500 each, and another for \$600. Boyce then said he would give \$3,500—\$1,750 at that time and \$1,750 the next day, upon arrival at Columbus.

Campbell said to Boyce: "What do you want Otis to do if your proposition is accepted?" Boyce replied that he would want him to write a letter to the president to the effect that he would vote for Hanna. Boyce then wrote a telegram, directed to President McKinley, and reading: "For the best interests of Ohio and the Republican party I will cast my vote for M. A. Hanna for senator for the short and long terms." This telegram Campbell was to submit to Otis and if the latter accepted the proposition he was to sign it and the telegram to be returned to Boyce, who was to forward it to the president. Campbell carried the telegram away with him and showed it to Jared Bliss, who volunteered to copy the telegram and sign Otis name to it, which was done.

At the next meeting the telegram, or rather a copy of it, was shown to Boyce and he was told that Otis had finally consented and that there was the telegram. Campbell said to Boyce: "You will now pay \$1,750, and \$1,750 when you reach Columbus," whereupon Boyce counted out \$750 more. Campbell said: "This does not make \$1,750." Boyce replied: "You have already got \$1,000, and this makes the \$1,750." Campbell replied: "I thought the \$1,000 was for my fee." Boyce replied that he could not give more at that time, as he could not let it cost him more than \$3,500 at that time, although Otis was to get \$6,500 more when Hanna was elected.

Campbell then demanded a receipt, which Boyce did not care to give, although a receipt was finally written for the \$1,750 already paid, and the additional \$1,750 that was to be paid on reaching Columbus. The plan was that Campbell and Boyce and Otis were to meet the next morning at 9 o'clock and come to Columbus. Boyce did not show up. The witness here in response to a request, produced the \$1,750, that he claimed Boyce had paid to him.

RACE WAR IS THREATENED.

Negroes in Arkansas Talk of Resisting the "Best Citizen" of That State.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 29.—Trouble between the blacks and the whites in Lonoke county is apprehended which when once started may outlive anything of the kind witnessed in the south in years. In the town of Lonoke several negroes have been killed by whites and others have been driven away. Notices bearing date of Jan. 23 have been tacked on the door of nearly every negro of the town of Lonoke, and on many cabins in the surrounding country, ordering every negro in the county to leave Lonoke within thirty days and never come back, threatening to kill those who remain. The notices are not signed, but are adorned with skull and cross bones. Notices have also been posted on the doors of negro school houses warning the teachers to close the schools and leave.

Many of the negroes have avowed their purpose of remaining in their homes and defending them with the cost of their lives if necessary. One prominent colored man in an open letter to his race advised the colored men of Lonoke to supply themselves with arms and be prepared to protect themselves. "When the negroes of Lonoke county kill about twenty-five of these lawless white men," said he, "the outrages against the negroes will stop." A white man of Lonoke recently shot and instantly killed a negro and was promptly acquitted by a justice of the peace.

Western Base Ball Association.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 29.—President Hickey, of the Western Base Ball association, has received notice that Quincy has surrendered its franchise. Hickey will transfer it to Ottumwa. St. Joseph will not be in the association. The league will comprise Sioux City, Des Moines, Rock Island, Ottumwa, and four others to be selected.

Detroit Collector is Defiant.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 29.—Internal revenue collector Phelan (democrat) has sent a defiant letter to the civil service commission at Washington, refusing to comply with its demands to discharge a deputy collector at Saginaw. As a parting shot as a government official, he indicts congress, civil service reform and the government.

Bar Iron Prices Advanced.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The Iron Bar association at a meeting here yesterday voted to advance the price \$2 a ton.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Jan. 29. Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today: Wheat—January, opened \$1.05, closed \$1.10; May, opened 96 1/4c, closed 97 1/4c; July, opened 85 1/4c, closed 87 3/4c. Corn—January, opened 29c, closed 29 1/2c; May, opened 29 1/2c, closed 29 3/4c; July, opened 30 1/2c, closed 30 3/4c. Oats—May, opened 24c, closed 24 1/2c; July, opened 22 1/2c, closed 23 1/2c. Pork—May, opened \$9.75, closed \$10.02 1/2; July, opened \$10.10, closed \$10.07 1/2. Lard—January, opened \$4.80, closed \$4.80; May, opened \$4.87 1/2, closed \$4.90.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 18 1/2c per lb.; extra dairy 17c; fresh packing stock 11c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 15 1/2c per doz. Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9 1/2c per lb.; chickens, 6 1/2c; ducks, 6 1/2c. Potatoes—Common to choice, 50c per bu. Sweet Potatoes—Louisiana, \$2.00 per 100 lbs.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Jan. 29. Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 40,000; sales ranged at \$3.50 to \$3.75 for pigs, \$3.65 to \$3.85 for light, \$3.60 to \$3.75 for rough packing, \$2.70 to \$2.90 for mixed, and \$2.70 to \$2.90 for heavy packing and shipping lots. Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 6,000; quotations ranged at \$5.00 to \$5.40 for choice to extra steers, \$4.40 to \$4.70 good to choice do., \$4.30 to \$4.60 for 1 to 2 year old, \$3.70 to \$4.30 common to medium do., \$2.65 to \$4.16 butchers' steers, \$3.20 to \$3.85 stockers, \$3.80 to \$4.35 feeders, \$2.15 to \$2.90 cows, \$2.00 to \$4.50 heifers, \$2.40 to \$4.25 bulls, oxen and stags, \$3.40 to \$4.40 Texas steers, and \$3.50 to \$4.75 veals calves. Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 17,000; quotations ranged at \$3.50 to \$4.50 westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.60 natives, and \$4.00 to \$5.80 lambs.

Milwaukee Grain.

Milwaukee, Jan. 29. Wheat—Higher: No. 1 northern, 95c to 99c; No. 2 spring, 91c to 93c; May, 97 1/4c. Barley—Steady: No. 2, 40c; sample, 32 1/2c to 40c. Rye—Higher: No. 1, 49c.

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Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO"

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There came across my path a few days since, a young man of wide reading but not of deep thought who had among other things, saturated his mind with the thoughts of Schopenhauer, the pessimist. In weary tones he told of the disappointments and sorrows of life, of the selfishness of human beings, of the savagery into which some of us find it so easy to drop, of the curse of education in opening before us all vast fields of learning that Time prevents us from traversing, of the mockery of life in giving us a mere peck of great things and then sending us onward into death and darkness. The dreary catalogue of woe-stricken thoughts grew more and more irksome as it progressed, and I fear there were replies given more forceful than polite. Since he is one of a class, may I just in a few crowded words, repeat some things that were said during my portion of the conversation.

I believe that a man talks only in such gloomy fashion when he is an intense egoist that he regards the world under obligation to circle for him and his pleasure; that he makes the centre of the universe a mere speck of complaining humanity; and that his own little toothache or his own little misery is alone used in estimating the feelings of others.

I believe that rainy days have their place fully as much as days of sunshine in bringing forth the fruits of the earth. So I do believe that none of us bring forth our best when all is sunshine. As the glare and glory of a blazing sun cause the desert, so perfect ease of life develops desert men and women, who make the counterpart of the wasted miles of Sahara, in the wasted years of their lives ardently spent for self and therefore hostile to every other human being. I must believe this or else regard the Creator as a mere teaser of men.

I believe that the selfishness of human beings is more talked about than real. Even among the poor—and that includes most of us—there is so much unselfish helping of one another, little doles of kindness given with freedom out of almost empty wallets, that one is compelled to believe that the example of the majority of us will finally become the guide of the world. As Sir Edwin Arnold says, "All the poor are piteous to the poor;" so as long as the poor last pity will last, and when the poor and grief-strained cease, pity will no longer be needed.

I believe that though savagery and grossness lurk in the breasts of all of us, there is an increasing control of the hereditary inner savage, and that the general orderliness of daily life proclaim this truth. To prove it, run over in your mind the things your impulses would drive you toward; and then see how your hesitancy is confirmed into active enmity to those feelings by your knowledge of the standard society—made of units like yourself—expects of you. To see what we were a few centuries ago, one might go the natives of South Africa. According to the word of a missionary-bishop, they are so unused to control by reason of centuries lacking in it, that at present it is impossible for the Roman Catholic church to ordain native priests there. So foreign to their thought is any desire for self-conquest on behalf of others that celibacy is an absolute bar against them. But under our civilization when there is reason for restraint, both men and women pass happy lives without floating away on the waves of passion.

I believe that when we rise from the first keen feeling of our own littleness, after education has opened our eyes, we are driven to a fuller understanding of what living really means; that it leads us to look around for the same unity that pervades the universe, wherein each body in the heavens moves with apparent independence and yet all are moving together in one vast progress through space. I believe this unity of the human race will some day be more than a mere glittering dream—even an actual fact, with only here and there an erratic creature moving like a comet across the paths of others. I believe that pessimism regarding education arises from wrenching it out of its proper sphere. Rightly used it gives us larger views. It makes life more varied, fuller and more interesting. If

it does not do this, it is because we have loaded ourselves down with its pebbles instead of its rubies, and found darkness where brightness alone should be.

I believe that the shortness of life just serves to show us that the race is more important than the individual, and that therefore the test of a valued life will some day come to be—not how much for self was gathered and scraped together, but how much service was done to repay something to the race for the pleasures and opportunities that are our heritages as members of one great human family.

I believe the world is thrilling to a new century of new opportunities, wherein better men than ourselves shall hold sway, but in whose progress the feeblest of us shall have a part, if we live our little lives to their fullest.

OUT OF MANY, ONE.

Will you come to the spring-decked woodlands.

Where kindly mother Earth,
Welcomes with love-filled breezes
Her guest to the flower's birth?

Where Father Forest fondles
His children, newly born,
And spreads them a costly cradle
With down from his bosom torn?

Where the skillful nurse, Dame Nature,
Temper the heat and cold,
With gazes of fern and bramble
From her scented store chest old?

Where the busy courier streamlet
In eager haste arrives,
With a wealth of gathered dainties
To nourish the tender lives?

Where the trees, those stalwart servants,
Are busy to deftly build
Fresh fairy homes unnumbered
With every fancy filled?

Come then, and learn a lesson—
A lesson for me and you:
How a thousand hearts help foster
One life of beauty true.

Church Announcements

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. A. R. Bickenbach, 4 Pastor.
Church services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 p. m. Ordination and installation of Ruling Elder elect at the morning service. Evening theme, "The Christian's Companions," the 2nd of four sermons on Pilgrim's Progress. Wednesday services: Jr. C. E. 4:12 p. m. Prayer meeting 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome for all.

ST. LUKE'S.

The Rev. John C. Sage, rector.
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; evening prayer and address at 5 p. m. by Rector on "The Christian in Business." In the afternoon the fifth monthly choir festival service. The vested choir of sixty will be assisted by Mrs. L. E. Edwards and Carl Seaberg. Service booklets furnished and everyone cordially invited.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning and evening service will be conducted by Knox P. Taylor. Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:00 p. m.

The Bible institute closes with Sunday evening services. The work of Knox P. Taylor has been interesting helpful beyond present conception. It will grow on those who have heard him.

METHODIST.

Rev. O. H. Cessna, Pastor. Preaching by the pastor morning and evening. The People's Gospel and Praise service at the evening services. Class meetings at 9:45 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Cottage Prayer meeting Tuesday, 3 p. m. at Miss Weed's, 517 Seventh street.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

T. F. Dornblaser, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning service at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 p. m. Evening service at 7 p. m., subject of sermon "Heaven."

BAPTIST.

Hector C. Leland, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12:00 m. Junior Union meeting at 3:30 p. m. Young people's union meeting at 6 p. m. The orchestra will lead the music at Sunday school.

Y. M. C. A.

The usual Sunday afternoon men's meeting of the Y. M. C. A., will be held in the rooms tomorrow at 3:30 p. m., addressed by Prof. Heritage on "Elements of Character."

I. O. G. T. Election.

At the regular meet of Dixon Lodge No. 483 Good Templars last evening the following officers were elected to serve three months:

Chief Templar—C. A. Lucas.
Vice Templar—Miss Kelsey.
Secretary—Eva Anderson.
Financial Secretary—Miss Smothers.
Treasurer—C. W. Sennell.
Marshal—Don Grover.
Guard—A. S. Crippen.
Sentinel—Chris Loescher.

An interesting literary program was rendered after the balloting.

I Should Smile

And so you all will if you go and see Billy Link tonight.

DOLE PUTS HIS FOOT IN

Annexionists Not Pleased by His Presence in Washington.

MORGAN TALKS TO EMPTY BENCHES

Four Days of Eloquence With None to Listen or Applaud—Some Washington Scientists and Their Work—The National Geographic Society.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—[Special.]—The arrival in the capital of President Dole of Hawaii has stirred anew interest in the fate of the annexation treaty now pending in the senate. It has leaked out that Mr. Dole came here wholly on his own motion and that the friends of annexation are a little displeased because he did come. They think he should have remained at home attending to his duties. They are particularly offended because President Dole, since his arrival in the United States, has admitted that there is no danger of Japan gobbling up the islands in case the United States declines to take them. Inasmuch as this has been one of the strongest arguments used by the annexationists, they think Mr. Dole should have informed himself a little better as to the conditions of the battle here before putting in his word.

One of the odd features of the Hawaiian situation is the dispute between ex-President Cleveland and Senator Morgan as to the attitude of the former concerning Hawaii while he was in the White House. Mr. Morgan claims Mr. Cleveland was in favor of annexation at one time, but Mr. Cleveland comes out boldly and says he was never in favor of it. Mr. Cleveland appears to have the best of the argument, as the public does not doubt that Mr. Cleveland knew what he wanted and what he didn't want. But Mr. Morgan explained in a clever public speech. For once the Hawaiian question was brought up during an open session. It would never have done, of course, for Mr. Morgan to explain in an executive session, for then all he said would have had to remain a secret.

Morgan's Wasted Sweetness.

Recently Mr. Morgan made one of those four day speeches for which he is famous. There never was a clearer case of wasting sweetness upon the desert air. Mr. Morgan's speech was delivered in secret session. No newspaper reporters were present to take down what he said or even a part thereof and scatter it to the four corners of the earth. Even the official reporters were absent. Furthermore Mr. Morgan spoke without an audience. Senators tell me that after the first two or three hours of his long effort he was deserted. Scarcely a senator sat to listen to him. The vice president and one or two trusty employees of the senate had to listen, because their duties required them to do so or to pretend to do so. But save for their presence the Alabama senator was alone, all alone. A queer scene it must have been—no one in the senatorial seats, no one in the galleries, no one anywhere paying any attention, and this able, forceful old statesman pouring forth his wisdom and his philosophy and the result of his laborious investigations hour after hour and day after day.

Mr. Morgan is one of the ablest men in the senate. In all that pertains to our foreign relations he is perhaps the best informed man in congress. A member of the house was praising Mr. Morgan the other day in the presence of Speaker Reed. "Morgan is a wonder," said the congressman. "He simply knows everything about our foreign affairs. He is a walking arsenal of facts."

"Yes," said Speaker Reed, "Morgan knows everything that—doesn't," mentioning the name of another senator who in his own opinion at least is a great diplomatist.

A Scientific Center.

The national capital is a great center of scientific activity and learning. Our government is a liberal patron of the sciences, and we have here a remarkable number of men who have attained distinction in their special fields. Some of them have won recognition throughout the world although they are little known in their own country. For instance, not many Americans have ever heard of Professor Schott of the coast and geodetic survey. Yet he is known all over the world as perhaps the highest living authority on terrestrial magnetism. A book on the earth's winds which is standard all over the world was compiled by a Washington man who never was generally known in his own country, Mr. Coffin. Another, Mr. Maury, is known throughout the world for his most elaborate and useful collection of facts concerning the ocean, its tides and currents. It is safe to say that Professor Langley of the Smithsonian institution has a greater reputation in Europe than he has at home.

The same thing may be said of Professor Powell of the geological survey, whose monographs are read everywhere as classics. In the faculty of the Columbian university of this city is a modest young man, Professor Gore, little known to fame in the United States, but recognized by scientific men everywhere as a great authority on the shape of the earth and all the gravity and other determinations by which geodesists measure our globe.

The Late Gardiner G. Hubbard.

Recently the scientific world of the American capital lost its best friend in the death of Gardiner G. Hubbard, president of the Geographic society. Mr. Hubbard enjoyed large means and he was ever ready to help all efforts for the promotion of knowledge. His place will be hard to fill, but as president of the National Geographic society, which is now only second to the Royal Geographic society of London in influence, he has been succeeded by his son-in-law, Professor A. Graham Bell of telephone fame. Professor Bell has thrown himself into the work with characteristic energy, and those who know his breadth of view and ability predict that he will prove a worthy successor to his much loved kinsman. Mr. Bell hopes to make the National Geographic society fully equal to its English prototype in usefulness and influence.

An important part of our social circle here is made up of the army and navy people. Just now the dashing officers and handsome women of the military colony are in a flutter over the news from Cuba. At every drawing room or tea the gallant defenders of our country are called upon to tell the women how we could whip Spain if we had to do it, while their wives are sympathized with over the prospects of being left alone while their liege lords are away to service. But one young woman of the navy corps refuses to be an object of sympathy. To all inquiries she replies with blazing eyes:

"I hope there will be a war and that Jack will be in it. If we don't get a promotion that way, we will never get it." The army and navy people are all for war.

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Look over our line before buying.

New York Store.

ELIZA FLICK VS. C. G. REISS.

Breach of Promise—Is the Way the Case Will Stand When Docketed—Her Tale of Woe.

Mrs. Eliza Flick of Lincoln, Nebraska, who is stopping at the Keystone Hotel in this city, according to her statement, is a much maligned woman. Her tailor-made gown, her expensive wraps—additional to the charms of curls, blooming cheeks and a certain dignity of bearing—would easily soften the heart of any bachelor of less obdurate disposition than that possessed by Mr. C. G. Reiss, the well known pianotuner, now of local fame on account of a recent freak of Madam Rumor in connecting his good name with a breach of promise suit. Mrs. Flick, the plaintiff, arrived in our city several days since, coming from Lincoln, Neb. We learned by an interview that she called upon her supposed lover, Mr. Reiss but received only the cold shake, he refusing to acknowledge that he was one of "two hearts that beat as one" and such treatment will result in a heart beat in a law suit.

A TELEGRAPH representative persuaded her to drop modesty for the public satisfaction and in self defense.

Mrs. Flick in regard to disparaging statements published, says: "They are untrue. I was thunderstruck when Mr. Reiss refused to make good his promises." "His agent," she continues "at Lincoln, brought Mr. Reiss to my home and introduced him some six years ago. He told the agent, that he desired to secure rooms with some nice respectable widow lady? I refused utterly to keep him; but he came frequently to see me and his dress and actions were above reproach, as became a gentleman. He finally made me offers of marriage and pressed his suit ardently," etc.

"I refused him, telling him to wait till my son was of age, which occurred recently. After some time my brother sold to him a lot adjoining my own on which he built a livery stable, preventing a lease of my adjoining cottage." Then Mrs. Flick talked of vile odors and emanations from the stable, which was near the dining-room windows of her cottage, and she added, in sorrow, "You will see that Mr. Reiss was very unkind to say the least." But Mrs. Flick insists that "Mr. Reiss renewed his protestations of friendship, however: saying that he had leased the land to an outside party," etc. With all these indignities Mrs. Flick's heart still flickered for Reiss, and she continued to urge:

"As to my character, I am well known in Lincoln, where I have resided for the past 12 years. I am a member of the Free-will Baptist church and have a Sunday school class," etc.

She is perfectly willing to have the case docketed at Lincoln, where her best friends are. She has a number of letters from Mr. Reiss which will be offered as evidence. She says:

"When I came here Wednesday morning he was very pleased to see me and on broaching the object of my visit invited me in. After I refused to stay he said, 'Don't make it public.'"

Mr. C. G. Reiss is a respected citizen of Dixon, of long standing, owner of the three story brick next to Weaver's & Co's store. He does not seem to be much worried over the affair, probably considering it one of those peculiar whims of the ladies such as bachelors are not prepared to understand. He having enjoyed single blessedness over three score years, looks upon thoughts of marriage as a sort of paradox, and the more he thinks about love the less he thinks of it. He did visit Mrs. Flick to arrange about selling or buying a Lincoln lot; his property adjoining one she owned. In a domestic way he did not dream of mixing his lot with Mrs. Flick's lot. In fact the defendant denies the allegations and denies the allegation.

In the Pentathlon last night in the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium, Oliver Rogers took first place with a total of 1083 points, Geo. Base second with 1011 points, and Hausher, and McGaughey tied at 97 points for third place, and Bovey, Edwards, and Brown were only one point behind for fourth place. The contest was very close and exciting from start to finish, and the boys incidentally lowered two of the Gymnasium records, the Bar-vault record was 6 feet, and four of the boys cleared it at 6 1/2 feet. The Potato race record for 120 yds was 31 seconds, and Rogers lowered it to 30 seconds.

"Lammy" Stead, in Donovan's order rig, went sailing down Galena avenue this morning and across the bridge he hid a runaway horse. The animal was checked at the north end of the bridge without any damage.

A Boy Wanted.

Keep your eye open for Monday EVENING'S TELEGRAPH.

The Chicago Tribune objects to the title: "My son," the young man's parent said. In stern, rebuking manner, "Don't call me 'Governor' again. Till we've got rid of Tanner!"

A JUDGEMENT FOR M'HENRY.

He Will Get the Value of Purses Won in 1892.

By a decision of the Iowa supreme court, rendered at Des Moines Thursday, M. E. McHenry and F. D. Stout got a judgement against F. M. Hubbell of that place, for \$5,500 with six per cent interest from July, 1892, about \$8,300 in all. The money sued for was won by McHenry at the 1892 meeting of the Des Moines driving park association, which failed and did not pay purses. McHenry sued the president personally and the case has been in the court ever since. Mr. McHenry won the purses at a race meeting with Guy and Delmarch, but the association was unable to pay the purses in full and many of the horsemen who had won purses settled with the association for thirty cents on the dollar, but M. E. McHenry and Frank Stout, of Dubuque, refused to settle. They were going to get all the money due them or none, so they brought suit against the association and got a judgement, but the money could not be collected, as the association was bankrupt. Then Mr. McHenry's attorney brought suit against Hubbell, the chief stockholder in the association, who had not paid up his stock, and the case was carried to the supreme court, which has rendered the above decision holding Hubbell liable for the claim. Mr. McHenry's claim of \$5,500 has been drawing 6 per cent interest since 1892, so that it now amounts to a handsome sum of money, and Mr. McHenry is very glad that he refused to settle for 30 cents on the dollar.

Lee County Circuit Court.

Judge Baume last evening adjourned court until next Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. That day the court will give its decision in the mandamus proceeding for the re-opening of Chicago street. The following proceedings were had:

CRIMINAL.

People vs Arvene S. Hyde, embezzlement. Defendant appears in person and by counsel and being arraigned pleads guilty. The court sentences him to imprisonment in state penitentiary at Joliet, term of imprisonment to be fixed by the State Board of Pardons. Sheriff to have ten days to execute sentence.

People vs Samuel Gunder, burglary. Defendant is arraigned and pleads not guilty.

COMMON LAW.

Barr vs Aldrich et al. Motion for a new trial. Plaintiff remits \$44.33. Motion for a new trial overruled. Judgment for plaintiff for \$256.70 damages and costs of suit.

County of Lee vs Stitzel, escheat. Motion by plaintiff for a new trial.

Pierce vs Barnes. Suit dismissed, costs paid.

Payne vs Sheriff of Lee County et al. Motion of plaintiff for a new trial overruled. Motion in arrest of judgment overruled. Judgment against plaintiff for costs. Plaintiff prays an appeal to the Appellate Court, Second District, which is allowed.

Barke vs Estate of Burke. Motion by defendant for a new trial.

Reynolds vs Schick. Plaintiff ruled to file declaration within thirty days.

CHANCERY.

Adams vs Adams. On motion complainant leave given to file supplemental bill.

Miller vs Burnet et al. Motion by complainant for a new trial overruled.

Motion in arrest of judgment overruled.

Swalm vs Swalm, divorce. Motion by defendant to vacate decree.

Henderson vs Henderson, divorce. Ordered that alias summons issue against defendant.

Leonard vs Leonard. Cause heard and decree for divorce.

Choir Festival at St. Luke's.

The Fifth Monthly Choir Festival service at St. Luke's church to-morrow afternoon will include a new anthem by Sir John Stainer sung by the vested choir of sixty voices. The choir will also have the assistance of Mrs. Lew E. Edwards, soprano. The third address by the Rector on "The Christian in Business." The following are among the musical numbers in the service. S. Wesley Martin, choir master; Mrs. W. H. Smith, organist; Carl Seaberg, cornetist.

Organ Prelude, ... Selected
Processional, "O Happy Band of Pilgrims", ... Neale
Choir.
Magnificat, ... Chant
Choir.
Nunc Dimittis, ... Chant
Choir.
Anthem, "What are These", ... Stainer
Choir.
Hymn, "Jerusalem the Golden", ... Neale
Congregation and Choir
Offertory Solo, "Untill Morning Light", ...
Mrs. L. E. Edwards, Cantsan
Vesper Hymn—"Holy Father Cheer Our Way", ... Grey
Recessional, "Love Divine All Love Excelling", ... Wesley
Choir.
Organ Postlude, ... Selected
Mrs. W. H. Smith.

A TRICYCLE ATTACHMENT.

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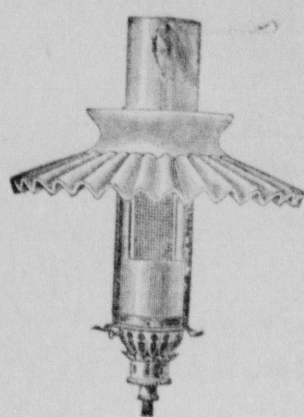
Informal Reception.

The directors and officers of the Y. M. C. A., with their wives were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Lewis last evening to meet at their home Mr. Albert Johnson, the former president of the Association, at an informal reception and supper. At 8 o'clock the following, with the family, were seated around Mr. Lewis' hospitable board, Mrs. Lewis being assisted in entertaining by Miss Esther Walgren: Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bovey, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Raymond, L. L. Everly and sister, J. E. Byington, and ex-secretary H. L. Sawyer, now of Mendota. After partaking of an elegant repast the time was spent in an informal social until near midnight. Mr. Johnson's old friends and associates in the work of the Y. M. C. A. being exceedingly glad to greet him once more in such social capacity before his return to his home at Santa Monica, California, for which he will take his departure in a few days. Mr. Johnson's friends are glad to see him looking so well, and he reports Mrs. Johnson's health—the failure of which was the cause of their removal to California—much better than they ever expected it could be.

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PIES.

When I was but a little maid
Of course not more than five,
I made mud pies beneath the trees,
The happiest child alive.
I molded them with fond care,
I shaped them one by one,
Then crimped the edges prettily
And baked them in the sun.

Since then many years have flown
And still I'm making pies,
Although a difference I own
In methods and supplies,
And husband now and children all
Look with reproach at me
If thrice upon the festal board
Each day no pies they see.

Ah, me, why was my childish play
Not nipped while in the bud?
Why did I try my prettiness hand
Upon those pies of mud?
For I have now so crusty grown,
Yet none do realize
That I'm a martyr to the cause
Of pies, pies, pies.
—Anna E. Treat in Good Housekeeping.

THE WRONG NOTE.

When I left the train at Elmwood
and found that no one was there to meet
me, I was surprised. Twice I walked
around the station, vainly peering into
the gathering darkness in search of the
Torrington trap. I was nonplused, for
I saw nothing but a rickety public hack,
with a rickety horse and a rickety driver
importuning me to become his fare.
Loath to believe my eyes, I sought the
station agent.

"Wasn't Mr. Torrington's carriage
here to meet this train?" I asked.
The man shook his head. "It was
down for the 3 o'clock," he replied.
"Took a gentleman off."

This announcement served to increase
my perplexity. Here I, having been
formally asked to spend Sunday at a
house and having formally accepted,
was compelled to make my way thither
in a public conveyance, while another
had been met at the station and carried
off in comfort. Over this unusual con-
dition of affairs I puzzled my brain on
the drive out to Torrington's. The discom-
fort of my position was heightened by
the increasing darkness, for the rickety
horse made no very good speed, and I
realized that the dinner hour was rapidly
approaching. But at length we
rattled through the gates and up the
drive to the house.

Maria Torrington greeted me on the
veranda—which was so ill lighted that I
could hardly see her face—yet it struck
me that there was confusion in her tone.
"I'm very glad to see you," she said.
"It's a surprise indeed."

"Surprise?" I said. "You knew I
was coming."

"Er—yes," she murmured hesitatingly.
"But it's so late we'd given you up.
You must hurry for dinner. Hobson,
show Mr. Bottomley his room."

Here a tall figure loomed out of the
darkness into the foreground, and before
I could follow the servant who had taken
my bag my hand was seized, and a
heavy voice said: "Hello, old man! Glad
to see you!"

"Why, hello, Brooks!" I exclaimed.
"I'm glad to see you."

"Glad to see you—glad to see you," I
repeated, as I followed Hobson into the
hall and up the stairs to my room.

Glad to see Brooks! Glad to see the
man with whom I had been racing for
two years for the fair prize below! When
the servants had gone and I was alone,
I stamped the floor vigorously and tore
open my bag with such violence as to
send the contents scattering in every direction.

This thing was getting unpleasant. I
could overlook the lack of hospitality
in allowing me to make my own way to
the house; I could forget her evident
surprise at my coming after I had been
formally invited by her mother and had
as formally accepted, but I could not
forgive her asking Dick Brooks and my-
self at the same time and driving him
home in triumph, as it were.

I was angry—so angry that I crumpled
three ties in dressing and started
down to dinner with tan shoes on, and
when I finally entered the drawing
room to find the family awaiting me I
remembered that I had forgotten to
brush my hair and was conscious that it
was all standing out at the back. It
seemed that, flustered and disheveled, I
was making a very poor showing in
comparison with the immaculate Brooks.

"I am very glad to see you," said
Mrs. Torrington cordially. "It's a special
pleasure, as we understood you weren't."
Maria glanced sharply at her mother,
and the kindly woman stopped, flushed
and added: "As we were afraid you weren't
coming. The train must have been late. But
come."

I shall never forget the dinner that
followed. It seemed as though there was
a pall over the little company, or rather
over all but Brooks. He is a clever
fellow, I admit, and seeming to realize
that the rest of us were embarrassed
and hampered by some secret which
could not be his he proceeded to make
the best of things and to bear the brunt
of the conversation.

Once our host ventured to inform me
how surprised he was to see me and how
pleased he was that I had come after
all, whereupon his daughter interrupted
and effectively silenced him by asking
whether I had been playing much golf of late.

Mrs. Torrington started to observe
that perhaps it was on account of golf
that I had been detained that afternoon,
and she was in turn silenced. While
Maria kept a close watch on her parents
and I surreptitiously devoted myself to
pressing down my back hair and adjust-
ing my awry tie Brooks rattled away,
apparently charmingly unconscious.

But at length it was over, and Mr.
Torrington cornered my clever rival
over coffee and cigars, while I slipped
away, and though it was late in Octo-
ber and a stiff breeze was blowing from
the sea across the bleak meadows, crack-
ling cheerlessly through the drying
leaves of the trees, I succeeded in inducing
Maria to take a walk on the veranda.
"Now tell me why there is all this
surprise on the part of you and your
family," I said, once we were out of

hearing of the mother, the small brother,
the father and the shining rival.
"I think we had cause to be surpris-
ed," she said coldly.
"Cause?" I cried. "I received a note
from your mother on Thursday asking
me down for Sunday. I accepted."
"You declined," she said in a tone
that brooked no contradiction, "and so
I telegraphed to Dick to come down.
See what a position you placed me in.
I couldn't let him know he was second
fiddle."

We had stopped walking, and she
stood facing me in the light of a win-
dow. Her glance was one of deep re-
proach. "We are always glad to have
you, as you know, but this time it is
just a little embarrassing."
"But I accepted," I maintained stout-
ly.

"Your note said plainly, 'I regret
that another engagement prevents my
coming.'"
"I broke into a hearty laugh.
"What are you swearing about? I
don't see anything particularly amus-
ing."

How stupid I had been from the first!
"Why, Maria," I said, "it was my
fault, and until this minute it never
occurred to me. I got your mother's
note on Thursday. I had an engage-
ment to meet a lawyer late this after-
noon to try to settle a case I am con-
cerned in. As I couldn't attend to the
business and catch the last train out I
determined to try and postpone the mat-
ter. So I wrote two notes—one accept-
ing and the other declining the invitation.
I took them both down town next day,
and as the attorney consented to my
postponing the meeting I mailed the
acceptance."

"You mean you got them mixed and
sent the wrong one," she said. A half
smile lighted her face for an instant,
to give place to a settled look of disap-
satisfaction. "And I wired to Dick Brooks."

I laughed quietly.
"What are you laughing at?" she
asked.
"Brooks must be puzzled over your
having us down here together."

She resented this inference as to our
mutual relations by turning sharply,
and, carrying herself with exaggerated
erectness, she entered the house, with me
following crestfallen at her heels.

Brooks was puzzled—so extremely
puzzled that he hardly said a word at
breakfast, but was quiet and thoughtful,
an unusual mood for him. I could see
that he had an important piece of en-
gineering on hand and tried to block his
schemes, but despite my subtle moves
he succeeded in inducing Maria to take
him out to the pond and show him the
trout.

For a time I chafed in the library
under Mrs. Torrington's verbose recital
of the difficulties of securing funds for
a certain deserving hospital, and at
length, unable to bear the restraint any
longer, rather abruptly excused myself to
take a stroll about the place.

My steps carried me in the direction
of the pond, down the drive, over a
stretch of lawn, through a grove, till I
was halted at the sight of two hats pro-
truding over the top of a bush a few
yards away.

"Maria," I heard Brooks say in a
more earnest tone than I had deemed
him capable of assuming, "I have wait-
ed now for a year for an answer. Some-
times my hopes have been raised—raised
only to see you shower kindness on
that fellow!"

I whistled to the collie that had been
bounding along near by, and when Maria
Torrington and her companion stepped
hurriedly into view I cried, "Hello!"
Brooks looked foolish and replied,
"Hello!" Then he began stirring the
dead leaves with his stick.

For a moment all of us must have
looked foolish, for as Maria, her face
crimson, stared blankly at a distant
tree top I leaned over and fell to patting
the shaggy dog.

The silence was broken by the girl.
She had completely recovered her com-
posure and, fixing her eyes on me, said,
"Harry, as you have doubtless heard,
Dick—Mr. Brooks—has just asked me
to marry him."

"Asked for the thousandth time,"
muttered Brooks. His clean shaved face
was turning red from the tip of his chin
to where the hair divided. A man sel-
dom objects to having it known that he
is attentive to a woman, but to have her
blazon it forth to all the world, and to
his worst rival in particular, and in
his presence, is not so agreeable if he
occupies the position of one rejected. I
could not hide a smile at his embarrass-
ment, but my amusement was of short
life.

"And you have also asked me," Maria
Torrington went on with a coolness
that would have astounded me had I
not known her.

I had seen her sail a catboat across
the bay in the teeth of a gale, one small
hand firmly grasping the tiller, the tug-
ging sheet making great welts in the
other, her body leaning so far out to
windward that the spray dashed over
her repeatedly, and even then she had
laughed and given me directions where
to sit to balance the boat best. I had
followed her in mad gallops about the
country. I had seen her coast recklessly
on her bicycle down steep hills when I
deemed it wise to use a brake. So I was
not surprised at this caprice and bowed.

"Yes," I said stupidly; "asked you
frequently."

"I like you both very much," she
said, fixing her eyes on Brooks, who
was still fumbling his stick among the
leaves.

It hardly seemed fair that she should
look so kindly on my rival, so I called
her eyes back to me by asking, "Can't
you choose between us?"

"No," she replied, after a moment
of thoughtful silence, "I've tried very
hard to, but I can't. A plan of choosing
was suggested to me by your unexpected
coming."

"We are both to go away and stay
away?" growled Brooks.

"One may come back."

"I?" Brooks started eagerly toward
her. She raised her hand in warning.

"I don't know which," she said.

"There is an old saying about mar-
riage being a lottery. I propose to in-
crease the chances. If you two consent,
I shall carry out at once the scheme
that I have got up after long and care-
ful thinking."

"Are we to toss a penny?" I asked.
"No. This afternoon I shall write
two notes, one an acceptance, the other
a refusal. They will be put in plain en-
velopes, mixed up, directed and mailed.
The one of you who receives the re-
fusal shall!"

"Commit suicide."
Brooks' gloomy countenance gave
credence to a suspicion that in event of
his receiving the wrong note he would
resort to self destruction. The girl,
however, speedily crushed all hopes of
such escape from suffering.

"You shall not," she cried. "If you
do, I shall never speak to either of you
again."

"Rather life, then," said I.
Brooks bowed his assent to my ob-
servation.

There was a long silence, and then
Maria looked from one to the other of
us and said earnestly, "You'll agree to
my plan, won't you?"

"There is nothing else that we can
do," said I.

"Nothing," repeated Brooks. "In
fact, the scheme rather appealed to me,
for of late things had not been going so
smoothly as I could have desired. It
had seemed at times as though Brooks
was drawing away from me in the race.
Now a chance had been offered. Once
for all the question would be settled.
Then my luck was usually good. The
plan was not so agreeable to my rival.
Doubtless he felt that he had the advan-
tage of me and in entering into such a
game was gambling to obtain what was
already almost his own. He had no other
course but to assent, though, and he
did it with rather bad grace."

"It seems hard," he said to Maria.
"but you will, and I obey."
"It is agreed then?" said she.

Brooks and I bowed. The three of us
walked back to the house in silence.

I was up early next morning at my
rooms in town. I had calculated every-
thing to a nicety. The postman would
reach the house at 8:10 o'clock. The
train for Elmdale left at 9 o'clock. Pro-
vided the contents of the note that I ex-
pected were satisfactory I would just
have time to breakfast and reach the
ferry. Should the note prove to be
wrong I certainly would not need any
breakfast and much less to catch a
train.

I had been awake at dawn. Excite-
ment had driven sleep from my eyes,
and the dragging hours gave me more
than ample opportunity to figure out
my chances. I revolved over and over
again in my mind the history of my ac-
quaintance with Maria Torrington. I
reviewed my own life and picked out
incidents in it in which luck had play-
ed a part, and I found such a balance in
my favor that I was almost convinced
that it was useless for me to worry over
the outcome of the game of chance I
was playing.

Having brought myself to a state of
comparative confidence, I began to pack
a couple of bags full of clothes, for I
had made up my mind to make a long
stay at the Torrington house while I
was about it. As I stuffed my golf things
into a portmanteau I pictured Maria
and myself plodding over the links to-
gether.

As I folded up my riding clothes I
thought of the gallops we were to have,
and I broke into song, and as I sang I
forgot all about the note that was then
on its way to me and worked away as
cheerily as though it were but the mat-
ter of an hour till I was speeding to her.

But a loud knock at the door called
me back to realities, and when the hall-
boy held toward me a square envelope
addressed in a small, angular hand I
realized that perhaps after all my joy
had been premature—decidedly prema-
ture. The note was brief, so brief that
in an instant I comprehended its con-
tents, sank into a chair and, tossing the
paper from me, repeated the fatal words:

Miss Torrington regrets that owing to an
other engagement she cannot accept Mr.
Blank's kind invitation to become his wife.

Why had I ever consented to risk all
on a mere throw of dice? Why had I
tried to win by a gamble what other
men worked, waited and suffered for
years to obtain? It would not have been
so bad had Harkinson, who had been
out of the game a year, won her. But
that snob Brooks! He would never have
an opportunity to gloat over me. I
would go abroad. I would exile myself
rather than witness one minute of his
triumph. I would take the very next
steamer!

No! After all it would but add to the
satisfaction of my rival to have me eat-
ing my heart out in some foreign city.
Far better to stay right here in New
York, to work and become famous, to
bring home to the girl a full sense of
what she had lost by her foolish lottery.
But why should I waste my life in dull
office drudgery? Why should I, with a
solid income inherited from industrious
forefathers, throw away the good things
of this life for an empty bauble for the
sake of a petty revenge on a silly woman?

Silly woman? A bold woman who had
repaid my homage by gaming with me.

Would a true hearted girl, a girl
worth having, have played with a man's
love as she had done? She was a flirt—
an infernal flirt! How lucky was I in
getting the wrong note! How fortunate!

I sprang from my chair and danced
around the room, singing a snatch of a
song. A bag, half packed for the jour-
ney, caught my eye, and in a frenzy of
joy I kicked it and sent the contents
flying over the floor.

A knock at the door interrupted the
celebration of my good fortune. It was
the hallboy with a telegram.

I opened the dispatch and read:
Dreadful mistake. Letters got mixed. Send
you wrong note. Come. MARIA.
—New York Sun.

One of the Amerer's latest acts was to
order that funeral expenses be cut down,
because of a verse of the Koran which
condemns prodigals to the lower world.

Twisting a Rabbit.

The wretched rabbit is first driven
into a hollow log or tree or hole, as
the case may be. Then the twister cuts
and trims a supple gad of suitable
length, inserts it into the retreat and
pokes about till he feels the rabbit. The
gad is then withdrawn, and it's ten to
one that a hair or two clinging to the
end will prove that the rabbit has been
touched. The twister now makes a split
in the end of the gad, feels for the prey
again, and when the split is in the fur
turns the gad steadily in one direction
till a firm hold has been taken of the
fur. The rabbit is then dragged out and
dispatched, if everything works just
right. Too frequently things go wrong.
A rabbit's skin is very tender, and a
rough handed twister may twist off
inches of skin and wads of fur before
he thinks that he has secured a proper
hold. Not seldom the agonized rabbit
resists so strongly that the skin is torn
off during the pulling process. The
whole business savors too much of flay-
ing a beast alive to be worthy of fur-
ther discussion.

But in one instance the rabbit did
not suffer. A clever youth found a hole
under a stump and decided to twist the
hidden rabbit. The stick took hold in
excellent style, the rabbit struggled
bravely, but a powerful pull brought it
forth with a bounce. It was a very cu-
rious rabbit—in fact, the only one on
record which wore a long, bushy tail
and a black and white coat, and, judg-
ing by the odor of it, it must have been
in that hole a very long time.—Ed-
ward W. Sandys in Outing.

Reform in Ancient Stuttgart.

The question of the nightly illumi-
nation of the old city was always a con-
tested one, and fiercely waged the war-
fare between the dukes and the town
authorities. It was Eberhard Ludwig
who finally defied the doughty magis-
trates and ordered that a number of lan-
terns should be supplied. The lanterns
were provided, but the magistrates
would not allow them to be lighted. A
hot contest followed between the duke
and the chief magistrate. The latter
had but one response for all the angry
remonstrances of the duke, "When
people should be brought into view be-
fore the eyes of night thieves, how easy
it would be for them to drag their vic-
tims to a dark place, plunder and kill
them!" Eberhard was obliged to give
up his project.

Duke Carl insisted that the streets
should be lighted and carried his point,
but no sooner had he removed his resi-
dence to Ludwigsburg than complete
darkness once more nightly settled over
the streets of Stuttgart. Iron pillars,
to which shallow pans were attached,
were stationed at regular intervals
along the streets. When, on extraordi-
nary occasions, illumination was allow-
ed, rosin and pitch were lighted in these
pans, and the flickering flames only
added weirdness to the darkness that
they were intended to dissipate.

As late as 1770 lanterns hung in the
places designated by Duke Carl, but
they burned not. The security of the
citizens was above all else.—"Stutt-
gart," by Elise J. Allen, in Harper's
Magazine.

To One He Writes Legibly.

A well known musician, who writes
a very illegible hand, once sent an un-
usually hopeless scribble to a friend. The
latter studied it a minute, gave it up in
despair and then sat down and wrote in
reply: "I shall be most happy to dine
with you tomorrow at 6. Kindest re-
gards to your wife," etc. In less than
half an hour his friend appeared breath-
less at his door.

"There's some misunderstanding,"
he said anxiously. "I wrote you a note
asking you, if you could play the piano
part of the trio at Brown's recital, and
here you've sent me an acceptance of a
dinner invitation, but I didn't invite
you to dinner."

"Well," returned the other blandly,
"I didn't suppose you'd really send me
an invitation to dinner, but I couldn't
read a word of your note, and in that
case hereafter I mean always to take it
for granted that you're asking me to
dine."

For one of his correspondents at least
the offender now writes legibly.—Chi-
cago News.

The Treating Habit.

It was Pepe Telephorus, who died
before the year 150 A. D., who institut-
ed Christmas as a festival, though for
some time it was irregularly held in
December, April and May. But for cen-
turies before there had been a feast of
Yule among the northern nations, whose
great enjoyment was in drinking the
wassail bowl or cup. Nothing gave
them so much delight as indulgence in
"carousing ale," especially at the sea-
son of short days, when fighting was
ended. It was likewise the custom at
their feasts "for the master of the house
to fill a large bowl or pitcher, to drink
out of it first himself and then give to
him that sat next, and so it went
around." This may have been the origin
of that popular American custom known
as "treating." It is certain that upon
our Christian observance of this glorious
day have been ingrafted habits taken
from rude and barbarous people.—St.
Louis Republic.

A Convincing Example.

The other day a south side teacher
was discoursing to her pupils about the
evils of becoming addicted to slang,
when she paused and asked them to
give her an example of a slang phrase.
The school went into convulsions when
a youngster in knee pants yelled promptly:
"You're not so hot. There are other
babies on the pile."

The teacher did not call for any more
examples.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

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WASHINGTON'S KINDLY WAY.

First Meeting of General Greene's Daughter and the Great President.

Martha Littlefield Phillips, who was the granddaughter of General Nathaniel Greene's youngest daughter, contributes to The Century "Recollections of Washington and His Friends," taken down from the lips of her grandmother. She quotes the following account of her grandmother's first meeting with Washington:

"The second great event of my early life," said she, "was my first interview with General Washington. But a faint suggestion now survives of the love and reverence for Washington which inspired the children of the Revolution. These sentiments were exceptionally strong in my brothers and sisters and myself because in addition to the sentiment of patriotism was the personal regard we held for Washington as our father's intimate friend and immediate commander.

"My mother had deeply imbued me with the honor in store and had drilled my behavior to meet all the probable requirements of the occasion. I was, for example, to rise from my seat for presentation to General Washington and after tendering him my profoundest courtesy stand at ease and modestly answer all his possible questions, but at the same time keep religiously in the background, where all good little girls of that day were socially referred.

"The eventful day came, and I was taken by my mother to Mount Vernon to make the longed for visit. We were graciously welcomed by Mrs. Washington, but my heart was so thick with fluttering and my tongue so tied that I made but a stuttering semblance of response to her kindly questions. At length the door opened and General Washington entered the room. I felt my mother's critical eyes and advanced with the intention of making a courtesy and declaiming the little address previously taught me, instead of which I dropped on my knees at Washington's feet and burst into tears. All the resources of dramatic art could hardly have devised a more effective coup.

"Washington stooped and tenderly raised me, saying with a smile, 'Why, what is the matter with this foolish child?' The words do not have a tender sound, but language may not convey the gentleness of his manner and the winning softness of his voice as he wiped away my tears with his own handkerchief, kissed my forehead and led me to a seat as he might a young princess. He sat beside me, and with laughing jests, brought down to the plane of my appreciation, banished my sins from my eyes, rescued me from humiliation and brought me back to composure. He guarded me from my mother's outraged eyes, kept me with him while in the drawing room, had me placed beside him at the dinner table, and with his own hands heaped all the good things on my plate. After dinner he took me to walk in the garden, and with an intelligent stooping to my intellectual stature and a sympathetic understanding of my emotional state and need he drew me into talks on the themes of my daily life and won me into revelations of my hopes and fears. It has always impressed me as a quaint and pretty picture, that of the famous warrior, statesman and patriot turning from great affairs and lending himself to the task of making the happiness and charming the confidence of a shy and frightened child. And so proud and happy was the little girl thus made that 75 years afterward she lived, with tears of joy in her eyes, to tell the story to her granddaughter.

"How about Mrs. Washington, grandmother? How did she impress you?" I asked.

"The fact is," she replied, "I was so absorbed on that occasion with General Washington I paid very little attention to his wife. She took small note of children, and the only recollection that comes to me of her in that first interview is that she was handsome, of dignified carriage and was dressed in a rich figured silk, with an embroidered apron around her waist and a dainty kerchief folded about her neck and shoulders."

A Thrifty Soul.

"What are you laughing at?" asked one prominent business man of another as they sat down to their midday lunch in a popular restaurant.

"Can't help it. The thing happened a year ago, and yet it seems funnier now than it did then. You know my wife—best woman on earth—never has an unkind thought. But she comes of a thrifty family—wonderfully thrifty.

"For half a dozen years she had been giving me a box of cigars for Christmas. No, no, it's not the old joke at all. They were a superb brand, the kind I keep at home for my favorite guests. I always appreciated her kindness, and then it seemed like a saving, for I must have my cigars, you know.

"One day in the fall I was foraging all through the house for a notebook I had lost. In the bottom of an old trunk I came upon a box partially filled with my kind of cigars. There was the fancy oriental label, and the box looked as perfect as though it had just come from the factory. I wondered for a few seconds, and then I thought that I understood. I paid an occasional visit to the old trunk. Gradually the number of cigars increased till the box was full, and one day just before Christmas I found it nicely tacked tight and a card with 'Merry Christmas' attached by a blue ribbon.

"I opened the box, took out half of the cigars, put cotton batting under what were left, closed the box and put it in place again. Christmas morning it was on the table for me. I was profuse in my thanks and then discovered the fraud. I was going right to the cigar dealer to raise a row. It was a shame and an outrage thus to impose upon a woman. Then she had to acknowledge that she had been drawing on my regular supply and filling the box. But it was only her thrift."—Detroit Free Press.

Jays of Suburban Life.

"Yes," sighed the suburban resident. "I thought I had shaken off my hoodoo until that last blow came. Now I have figured out that my wisest plan is to just sit around the house and protect such property as I have left.

"When I went out there, it was with a longing to revive the pleasures of life in a country home, such as had made my boyhood so happy. But my experiences were as dismal as my anticipations had been bright. Chicken thieves raided my henry until the last of my choice Cochon Chinas had disappeared. All the luscious fruit was plundered from peach trees that I had watched with jealous care for years. Even the pigs that served me in the disposal of garbage were surreptitiously seized to grace the feast of those who are without the fear of the law before their eyes. Not content with despoiling me of my live stock and farm products, the night marauders invaded my household. I awakened one morning to note the absence of my entire wardrobe, shirts, collars and cuffs included. My watch, diamonds, collar buttons and loose change had gone with the rest of the stuff. Then I put in burglar alarms and slept with one eye open.

"Just as I had become reconciled and was feeling secure they induced me to run for office. You know the rest. I spent \$3,000 and didn't get a place in the race. They double crossed me. Now I'm an Ishmael. I will neither give nor ask quarter. I've retired, and I have the finest private collection of firearms in this or any other country."—Detroit Free Press.

The Apothegms of Guicciardini—1530.

Make as many friends as ever you can, for you never know in what contingency a man may be able to serve you. Hide displeasure. I have often had to seek the aid of people against whom I was thoroughly ill disposed, and they, believing the contrary or at least not being aware of this, have served me most readily.

Unperceived beginnings often open the way to great mischiefs or great success, therefore note everything and weigh well even the most trifling circumstance. On your doing or not doing what seems at the moment a mere trifle often hang things of first importance, so be sure to consider well.

Never hold a future thing so certain, however positively certain it may seem, as not, if you can possibly do it without upsetting your plan, to keep in reserve some course to follow if the contrary should turn up. I have often seen really long headed men, when they have to make up their minds about some weighty business, set about it by considering two or three cases that are most likely to happen and come to a decision on the assumption that one of these cases is sure to come. This is dangerous, for often and usually there arises some third or fourth case which had been overlooked and which your decision will not fit. You had much better, therefore, keep your decision strictly to what the actual necessity of the matter compels.

—John Morley in Nineteenth Century.

The Care of House Ferns.

In the house where ferns are kept induce by means of evaporation, syringing or spraying as much moisture to the air as possible, for they generally do not successfully withstand a dry, parching atmosphere. For the purpose of retaining moist air about the plant Wardian cases or ferneries are often used with good success or a glass bell placed over the plant part of the time. It is well to bear in mind also that ferns, with the exception of the hardy upland sorts, grow in moist, shaded places. It is therefore essential that they never dry out and that they be kept in partial shade. It is not wise, however, to soak the plants daily, whether needed or not. When new fronds are unfurling, avoid placing the plant in a position where it will be exposed to the full power of the sunlight, as it will sometimes burn or blast the tender young fronds.—Woman's Home Companion.

Rival Citizens.

Johnny's face was smeared with dirt and tears, there was a lump on his left cheek, and one knee projected through a jagged rent in his trousers leg.

"Johnny, Johnny," exclaimed his mother, "have you been fighting again?"

"Yep," he replied. "Me an that boy from New York had a scrap. He looks worse'n I do, too, you bet."

"You'll break my heart, you willful boy! What were you fighting about?"

"About the jography of Chicago. I said it hadn't any bluffs, an he said it was all bluff, an I chugged him."—Chicago Tribune.

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Man at His Word.

"Have a care, oh, my daughters," said the wise woman, "how thou takest man at his word when he speaketh concerning himself! He glories in his strength and vaunteth it before his fellows and most of all before thee, but he would be handled as a fragile piece of bric-a-brac."—Womankind.

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